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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR NOISE  
VARIANCE AND SIR ESTIMATION

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Examiner: H. V. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 19, 2008 (Paper No.: 20081212), for which a response was due on March 19, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.